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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN

102 **POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEE MEETINGS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <u>http://leg.colorado.gov.</u>)

Through the end of 2021, the bill allows members of a party central committee or vacancy committee to participate in a committee meeting remotely, including by casting the member's vote by e-mail, mail, telephone, or through an internet-based application if allowed by the party's rules.

The bill permits a state party central committee or state party

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executive committee to adopt party rules or bylaws to implement the bill's remote participation provisions. The bill also permits a member of the state party central committee or state party executive committee considering such rules or bylaws to participate remotely in a meeting in which the rules or bylaws are being considered.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: 2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-3-103, add (11) as 3 follows: 4 1-3-103. Party committees - repeal. (11) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING 5 ANY PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY, A MEMBER OF A CENTRAL COMMITTEE 6 MAY PARTICIPATE IN A CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING, INCLUDING A 7 MEETING REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, REMOTELY, INCLUDING CASTING THE 8 MEMBER'S VOTE BY E-MAIL, MAIL, TELEPHONE, OR THROUGH AN 9 INTERNET-BASED APPLICATION IF ALLOWED BY THE PARTY'S RULES.

10 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY, A 11 STATE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OR STATE PARTY EXECUTIVE 12 COMMITTEE MAY ADOPT PARTY RULES OR BYLAWS TO IMPLEMENT 13 SUBSECTION (11)(a) OF THIS SECTION. THE STATE PARTY CENTRAL 14 COMMITTEE OR STATE PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY ADOPT SUCH 15 PARTY RULES OR BYLAWS WITHOUT REGARD FOR ANY NOTICE OR CALL 16 REQUIREMENTS IN EXISTING PARTY RULES OR BYLAWS. A MEMBER OF THE 17 STATE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OR STATE PARTY EXECUTIVE 18 COMMITTEE CONSIDERING SUCH RULES OR BYLAWS MAY PARTICIPATE 19 REMOTELY IN A MEETING IN WHICH THE RULES OR BYLAWS ARE BEING 20 CONSIDERED, INCLUDING CASTING THE MEMBER'S VOTE BY E-MAIL, MAIL, 21 TELEPHONE, OR THROUGH AN INTERNET-BASED APPLICATION.

(c) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY, A
STATE SENATE, STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR COUNTY

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1 COMMISSIONER DISTRICT COMMITTEE MAY HOLD A MEETING TO ADDRESS 2 ORGANIZATIONAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, INCLUDING WITHOUT 3 LIMITATION, THE ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE'S OFFICERS, SEPARATE 4 FROM A MEETING OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. A MEMBER OF A 5 DISTRICT COMMITTEE MAY PARTICIPATE IN A SEPARATE MEETING HELD IN 6 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (11)(c) BY REMOTE MEANS, 7 INCLUDING CASTING THE MEMBER'S VOTE BY E-MAIL, MAIL, TELEPHONE, 8 OR THROUGH AN INTERNET-BASED APPLICATION IF SUCH REMOTE 9 PARTICIPATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF 10 THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE. 11 (d) THIS SUBSECTION (11) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2021. 12 13 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 1-4-1012 as 14 follows: 15 1-4-1012. Remote participation in vacancy committee 16 meetings - repeal. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION TO THE 17 CONTRARY, A MEMBER OF A VACANCY COMMITTEE FILLING A VACANCY 18 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 10 MAY PARTICIPATE IN A VACANCY COMMITTEE 19 MEETING REMOTELY, INCLUDING CASTING THE MEMBER'S VOTE BY E-MAIL, 20 MAIL, TELEPHONE, OR THROUGH AN INTERNET-BASED APPLICATION IF 21 ALLOWED BY THE PARTY'S RULES. 22 (2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2021. 23 SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-12-203, add (6) as 24 follows: 25 1-12-203. Vacancies in general assembly - repeal. 26 (6) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY, A MEMBER 27 OF A VACANCY COMMITTEE FILLING A VACANCY PURSUANT TO THIS

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1	SECTION MAY PARTICIPATE IN A VACANCY COMMITTEE MEETING
2	REMOTELY, INCLUDING CASTING THE MEMBER'S VOTE BY E-MAIL, MAIL,
3	TELEPHONE, OR THROUGH AN INTERNET-BASED APPLICATION IF ALLOWED
4	BY THE PARTY'S RULES.
5	(b) This subsection (6) is repealed, effective December 31,
6	2021.
7	SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-12-206, add (7) as
8	follows:
9	1-12-206. Vacancies in the office of county commissioner -
10	repeal. (7) (a) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, a
11	MEMBER OF A VACANCY COMMITTEE FILLING A VACANCY PURSUANT TO
12	THIS SECTION MAY PARTICIPATE IN A VACANCY COMMITTEE MEETING
13	REMOTELY, INCLUDING CASTING THE MEMBER'S VOTE BY E-MAIL, MAIL,
14	TELEPHONE, OR THROUGH AN INTERNET-BASED APPLICATION IF ALLOWED
15	BY THE PARTY'S RULES.
16	(b) This subsection (7) is repealed, effective December 31,
17	2021.
18	SECTION 5. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
19	determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
20	preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.